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DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

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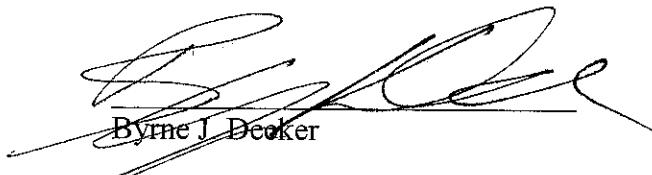
SUSAN GALE, ) 2004 JUN -4 P 1:24  
Plaintiff, ) U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
v. ) DISTRICT OF MASS.  
UNUM LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, ) Civil Action No. 03-CV-12601 RGS  
Defendant. )  
)

**DEFENDANT'S CERTIFICATION REQUIRED BY LOCAL RULE 16.1**

The undersigned certify that they have conferred:

- (a) with a view to establishing a budget for the costs of conducting the full course--and various alternative courses--for the litigation; and
- (b) to consider the resolution of the litigation through the use of alternative dispute resolution programs such as those outlined in LR 16.4.

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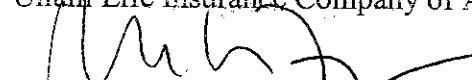


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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true copy of Defendant's Certification Required By Local Rule 16.1 was served upon counsel for Plaintiff, via First Class Mail, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

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